

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

The following minor changes are made to improve grammar, eliminate lack of antecedent basis for terminology and clarify relationships. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward R. Lawson Jr. on 09 February 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the Claims**

In claim 4, line 1, change "the" to ---an---.

In claim 7, line 3, change "whose" to ---with a--- and delete "is",  
line 11, delete the first occurrence of "the".

In claim 8, line 3, change "whose" to ---with a--- and delete "is".

In claim 9, line 3, change "whose" to ---with a---and delete "is",  
line 13, change "one" to ---the free---and change "a side face" to ---one of said side faces---,  
line 15, change "respective side face" to ---other of said side faces---.

In claim 29, line 1, change "the" to ---an---.

In claim 34, line 1, change "the" to ---an---.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (7:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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